January to June, 1984 are listed below:—

(i) One Taiwanese fishing trawler was apprehended by a Coast Guard ship for illegal fishing in Indian waters.

(ii) 4 vessels indulging in smuggling were apprehended with contraband worth Rs. 10.53 lakhs approximately.

(iii) Assistance to Wild Life Authorities was provided by Coast Guard strike in March-April '84. assistance was poaching patrols off the Orissa Coast.

(iv) During the Port Trust Workers' strike in March-April, 84, assistance was a person who had fallen overboard from Madras.

(v) Aerial reconnaissance was carried out in search and rescue operations for a person who had fallen overboard from a fishing trawler off the Orissa Coast; and for tracing a missing fishing trawler on the request of the Bangla Desh Government.

This apart, regular and organised patrolling and the presence of the Coast Guard in our waters is believed to have prevented illegal activities, and to have provided a feeling of security to those engaged in legal activities in our coastal waters.

(c) and (d) Analysis and evaluation of the infrastructural needs of the Coast Guard Organisation is a continuous process and along with the gradual build-up of force levels, the infrastructure is also being strengthened progressively.

Spinning mills in Maharashtra

1526. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many spinning mills have been sanctioned in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) how many of them have started functioning so far; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up more spinning mills in Maharashtra during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) According to available information, permissions have been issued under the "Delicensing Scheme" for setting up of 73 spinning mills in the state of Maharashtra.

(b) 12 spinning mills have started functioning.

(c) Statewise requirements of additoinal spindleage are not predetermined by the Government.

SC/ST accountants working in the Punjab National Bank

1527. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total strength of Accountants working in the various branches of the Punjab National Bank in Delhi at the end of 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982 and out of them how many belonged to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether the Bank is maintaining region-wise percentage of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes officers vis-a-vis the strength of other officer; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any post of Accountant/ Manager has been de-reserved in the above years; if so, whether the requisite approval of the concerned authority was obtained for such de-reservation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Information relating to the strength of officers of Punjab National Bank in the Junior Management Grade Scale-I, working in